GOD'S LOVE

HAS NO LIMITS
Sunday, January 2, 2022 / The Sunday before the Epiphany of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ

Resurrection Apolytikion of the tone of the week (Tone 3)

Εὐφραίνεσθω τὰ οὐράνια, ἀγαλλιάσθω τὰ ἔπειγεα, ὅτι ἐποίησε κράτος ἐν βραχίονι αὐτοῦ, ὁ Κύριος ἐπάτησε τῷ θανάτῳ τὸν θάνατον πρωτότοκος τῶν νεκρῶν ἐγένετο· ἐκ κοιλίας ἄδου ἔφυγαστο ἡμᾶς, καὶ παρέσχη τῷ κόσμῳ τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

Let the heavens sing for joy and let everything on earth be glad. For with His Arm the Lord has worked power. He trampled death under foot by means of death; and He became the firstborn from the dead. From the maw of Hades He delivered us; and He granted the world His great mercy.

Apolytikion of the Forefeast of Theophany

Ἐτοιμάζον Ζαβουλών, καὶ εὐτφευγίζον Νεφθαλέων. Ἰορδάνη ποταμός, στῆθι ὑπόδειξαι σκοτών, τοῦ βαπτισθῆναι ἔρχομενον τῶν Δεσπότην. Αγάλλου ὁ Ἀδὰμ σὺν τῇ Προμίτοι, μὴ κρύπτετε ἑαυτοὺς, ὡς ἐν Παραδείσῳ τῷ πρῶτῳ καὶ γὰρ γυμνοῖς ἵδον ἡμᾶς ἐπέφανεν, ἢν ἐνθύσῃ τὴν πρώτην στολήν. Χριστὸς ἔφανεν, τὴν πάσαν κτίσιν, θέλων ἀνακαινίσαι.

O Zabublon, prepare, and be ready, Nephthalam. Jordan River, hold your course, and exultantly receive the Master who is coming to be baptized. Adam leaped for joy with Eve the Foremother. No longer hide yourselves, as once in Paradise; for having seen you naked He has appeared to clothe you in your former vesture. The Christ has appeared, wishing to renew the entire creation.

Apolytikion of our Church

Ὡς τῶν αἰχμαλώτων ἔλευθερωτής, καὶ τῶν πτωχῶν ὑπερασπιστής, ἀσθενοῦντοι ιατρός, βασιλέων ὑπέρμαχος, Τροπαιοφόρε Μεγαλομάρτυς Γεώργιος, πρέσβευε Χριστῷ τῷ Θεῷ, σωθῆναι τὰς ψυχὰς ἡμῶν.

As liberator of captives, defender of the poor, physician of the ailing, and champion of Kings, beseech Christ our God, O great martyr George, Standard Bearer, for the salvation of our souls.
Kontakion

Ἐν τοῖς ἡείθροις σήμερον, τοῦ Ἰορδάνου, γεγονὼς ὁ Κύριος, τῷ Ἰωάννῃ ἔκβολον Ἑλπίδος ἀνακάλυψαι μὲ σώσαι γαρ ἦκεν Αδάμ τὸν Πρωτότοκον.

Appearing in the streams of the Jordan today, the Lord cries out to John. “Do not be afraid to Baptize Me for I have come to save Adam, the first to be created.”

BOLO
"Be on the look out"

Upcoming Family Fun Nights:
Valentine’s Luncheon * Basketball Family Night * Talent Night

and Upcoming Movie Nights!

Greek Pre-School

Mondays 5 pm to 6 pm

Learn about: Greek Language, Greek Dance, and Greek Culture!
The Epistle Reading – Sunday, January 2, 2022

O Lord, save your people and bless your inheritance.
To you, O Lord, I have cried, O my God

The Reading is from St. Paul’s Second Letter to Timothy 4:5-8

TIMOTHY, my son, always be steady, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry. For I am already on the point of being sacrificed; the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Herceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that Day, and not only to me but also to all who have loved his appearing.

Σώσον, Κύριε τὸν λαὸν σου καὶ εὐλόγησον τὴν κληρονομίαν σου.
Πρὸς σέ, Κύριε, κεκράξομαι ὁ Θεός μου.

Πρὸς Τιμόθεου β’ 4:5-8

Τέκνον Τιμόθεε, νήφα ἐν πάσιν, κακοπάθησον, ἔργον ποίησον εὐαγγελιστοῦ, τὴν διακονίαν σου πληροφόρησον. Ἐγὼ γὰρ ἤδη σπένδομαι, καὶ ὁ καιρὸς τῆς ἐμῆς ἀναλύσεως ἐφέστηκεν. Τὸν ἁγίον τὸν καλὸν ἠγώνισμαι, τὸν δρόμον τετέλεκα, τὴν πίστιν τετήρηκα· λοιπὸν, ἀπόκεισαι μοι ὁ τῆς δικαιοσύνης στέφανος, ὅπως ἀποδώσῃ μοι ὁ κύριος ἐν ἑκείνῃ τῇ ἡμέρᾳ, ὁ δίκαιος κρίτης· οὐ μόνον δὲ ἐμοὶ, ἀλλὰ καὶ πάσιν τοῖς ἡγαστήρισιν τὴν ἐπιφάνειαν αὐτῶν.
The Gospel Lesson - Sunday, January 2, 2022

The Reading is from Mark 1:1-8

The beginning of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in Isaiah the prophet, 'Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who shall prepare your way; the voice of one crying in the wilderness: prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight' John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And there went out to him all the country of Judea, and all the people of Jerusalem; and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, and had a leather girdle around his waist, and ate locusts and wild honey. And he preached, saying, "After me comes he who is mightier than I, the thong of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

Κατὰ Μᾶρκον 1.1-8

'Αρχὴ τοῦ εὐαγγελίου Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ, νῦν τοῦ Θεοῦ. Ὡς γέγραπται ἐν τοῖς προφήταις, ἵδον ἐγὼ ἀποστέλλω τὸν ἀγγέλον μου πρὸ προσώπου σου, ὡς κατασκευάζει τὴν οὐδὲν σου ἐμπροσθέν σου φωνήν βοῶντος ἐν τῇ ἐρήμῳ, ἐτοιμάζατε τὴν οὐδὸν Κυρίου, εὐθείας ποιεῖτε τὰς τρίβους αὐτοῦ, ἐγένετο Ἰωάννης βαπτίζων ἐν τῇ ἐρήμῳ καὶ κηρύσσον βάπτισμα μετανοίας εἰς ἀφεσιν ἁμαρτιῶν. Καὶ ἐξεπορεύοντο πρὸς αὐτὸν πᾶσα ἡ Ἰουδαία καὶ οἱ Ἰεροσολυμίται, καὶ ἐβαπτίζοντο πάντες ἐν τῷ Ἰορδάνῃ ποταμῷ ὑπὸ αὐτοῦ ἐξομολογούμενοι τὰς ἁμαρτίας αὐτῶν. Ἡν δὲ ὁ Ἰωάννης ἐνδεδυμένος τρίχας καμήλου καὶ ζώνην δεσματινὴν περὶ τὴν ὀσφύν αὐτοῦ, καὶ ἐσθίων ἄρσιδας καὶ μὲλὶ ἄγριον. Καὶ ἐκήρυσεν λέγων· ἔρχεται ὁ ἰσχυρότερός μου ὁ προ̇ς μου, οὗτος εἰμὶ ἴκανός κύψας λύσαι τὸν ἱμάντα τῶν ὑποδημάτων αὐτοῦ· ἐγὼ μὲν ἐβάπτισα ὑμᾶς ἐν ὀδατί, αὐτὸς δὲ βαπτίσει ὑμᾶς ἐν Πνεύματι Ἁγίῳ.
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Altar candles this morning are provided in memory of Evangelos B. Tsingos by the Tsingos Family. May his memory be eternal.

### Schedule of Services for the Feast of Theophany / Epiphany

**Vesperal Divine Liturgy and the lesser blessing of the waters**

Wednesday, January 5, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

**Divine Liturgy and the greater blessing of the waters**

Thursday, January 6, 2022 10:00 a.m.

**Divine Liturgy / Feast of St. John the Baptist**

Friday, January 7, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.
St. George Greek Orthodox Cathedral  
650 Hanover Street  
Manchester, New Hampshire

Invites you to

An Apokreatiko Celebration

Saturday, February 26, 2022  
7pm – 11:00pm  
In the church hall

DJ The Salonica Boys  
Greek and American Dancing

Variety of Hors D’oeuvres  
Cash Bar

$20.00 per person  
Children under 12 are free

Toula Barber at 668-6839  
or the Cathedral office at (603)622-9113
GOD IS LOVE

One of the most simple yet profound statements about God is given by St. John in his Epistle: "GOD IS LOVE." Perhaps this comes as close as anything else to define the nature or being of God. But "love" is one of the most overworked words in the English language. It can mean so many things. When St. John used that word in speaking of God, he was using it in a specific sense. The Greek language of the New Testament has several words which are all translated by the English "love." Today we examine the particular meanings.

There is "PILEO," which means friendship. This is the love that exists between friends, and it can be a true and lasting relationship. The Old Testament tells of the remarkable friendship of David and Jonathan at the time that King Saul ruled in the land. Philadelphia is named after this word for love, and so that place is referred to as the "city of brotherly love."

Then there is the word "EROS," from which our word eroticism is taken. It means carnal or sexual love. It is this form of love which fills our literature, television, movies and advertising these days. There is a rightful place for this form of love, and it is in Holy Marriage.

Finally, there is in the New Testament that greatest expression of all for Christian love — "AGAPE." This love differs from all the others and far surpasses all others. It has a spiritual dimension. It means to love the unlovely.

God showed this kind of love when "He sent His only-begotten Son" to this world to become man, and to do for mankind what it could not do for itself. The Father sent His Son to us, a sinful race. It was love of the unlovely.

And the Son showed that same agape love during His years on earth, and especially when He died on the Cross for man's salvation. St. Paul says: "... while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." Again, love for the unlovely.